

# DRAMATIC TURN IN STRIKE SITUATION

## MANY JUDGMENTS GRANTED IN TWO WEEKS OF COURT

\$136,000 is Total Suits Decided by Judge Vincent in Present Term.

## MANY ORDERS ENTERED

Present Term Intermediate Court Will Likely Close September 11.

Since the beginning of the present term of intermediate court Judge Vincent has granted during the two weeks judgments totaling approximately \$136,000. Although this week was fair week the wheels of justice rolled steadily along, grinding out their measure of business which has so far been mostly of the chancery nature. The present term will likely close about September 11 and no jury trials are scheduled on the present docket.

One case that many persons were interested in this week was that of H. H. Carr against Edith R. Hawker and others. Tusca Morris, special commissioner in this case, reported the sale of the property to J. C. Miller for \$9,050. This report was confirmed and the decree entered. The report of sale in the case of French Allen company against C. E. Bonwell and others was refused and the property directed to be re-sold by the commissioner. This is the case which an upset bid of \$13,200 was offered after the commissioner had reported the sale for \$12,000.

Judgment was entered today for \$701.63 for the First National bank against John A. Clark and the Lily Brick and Plaster company and Geo. M. Lilly. Charles Powell appeared for the plaintiff in this cause.

Attorney Schwonch appeared in the case of Maud D. Huey and others vs. H. C. Beatty and others, and asked for a decree dismissing the case and dropping it from the docket. This was granted.

The case of Farmers Bank vs. Shinnston against L. D. Snider, T. S. Netune and J. O. Snider in which judgment for \$9,000 is asked was scheduled to be heard this afternoon. Marshall W. Ogden appearing for the plaintiff.

## FAIRMONT I.O.O.F. OFF TO REUNION

One Hundred and Fifty of Them Left This Morning.

Fairmont Odd Fellows to the number of 150 left this morning on a special train for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a reunion at Lake Park where the West Virginia and Maryland Odd Fellows are holding a reunion today. The train left Fairmont at 9:50, having also aboard many Odd Fellows from Wheeling, Morgantown, Littleton, Mannington, Mountaintown and stations intermediate.

This reunion has been widely advertised and the lodge expects 15,000 members from both states to be present. The day will be spent in all sorts of amusements, baseball, tennis, band concerts, speaking and everything that possibly be held in the open will take place. Jack Wilkinson, of Huntington will present John J. Cornwell, Democratic candidate for governor of West Virginia to the gathering and he will speak. There will be numerous speeches from equally as capable men and after the reunion has lasted into night time trains will be run special bringing the members home.

## Kansas Crude Cut To 90 Cents Barrel

(By Associated Press)  
INDEPENDENCE, Kansas, Aug. 26.—The Prairie Oil and Gas company here today posted a further cut of five cents in the price of crude oil making it 90 cents per barrel.

## STEAM TUG ARRIVES

The small steam tug, Marion, of the Fairmont Sand company, arrived at the Fairmont wharf today at 1:45. The boat was chartered for the purpose of loading sand for the East Side. The tug brought two flat boats and barges and a sand dredge. Men came to do the work and complete the digging some time in the next two weeks.

## Wilson's Wobbling on Strike Situation Arouses Grave Fears

Merely Trying to Shove Crisis Back Beyond Election Date.

By Charles Brooks Smith

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Leaving the merits of the controversy quite out of it, intelligent and thoughtful people of the country, according to the expressed opinions of those who are competent to pass upon such matters, see in President Wilson's handling of the clash between the railroads and the trainmen brotherhoods the most vivid example of weakness, vacillation, wobbliness and political opportunism with which he has been time and again charged. On the face of it the two important points involved in the controversy were, viz: An eight-hour day and time-and-a-half for overtime for trainmen. Entering the conflict without invitation the President, notwithstanding many of the public might think so, was not passing an arbitrator. The first day with a dash of his pen and a sweep of one hundred words, he dropped the policy of arbitration overboard. He assumed that an eight-hour day was on the way. It was approved of society, and it might as well be accepted first as

last. He reached that conclusion before he saw the figures or had any conception of their magnitude, what the increased cost to the railroad companies would be.

That hasty action, so far as Woodrow Wilson was concerned, left the question of trainmen's wages to be adjusted by a commission agreed upon after an investigation which would remove a crisis safely beyond next November's election day. The railroads were willing and anxious to arbitrate the whole gamut of differences; the four executive heads of the brotherhoods were not. Then, when the country was heard from on the precipitate dumping of the policy of arbitration and the hasty taking of a long step in the direction of ultimately making an eight-hour working day a mandate of law applicable to every vocation—government, corporate and private—apparently the usual doubts began to gather cloud-like in the intellectual firmament of Dr. Wilson. Then he did another really startling thing—he held out to the railroads the promise of another five per cent. increase in freight rates, probably at the time not thinking of the difficulty which attended the five percent. increase given to the railroads last year and that he had no more right to guarantee what the Interstate Commerce Commission would do about another five percent. increase (Continued on Page Eight.)

## CO-OPERATIVE ASSO. MEMBERS WILL MEET

Manager And Store Room to Be Selected Tonight Opening Sept. 11.

The directors and stockholders of the newly organized Fairmont Co-operative store association will meet tonight at 7:30 in Willard Hall to finally determine upon a manager for their new store and to complete details of the arrangements for the store room. The new store, which will likely be opened about September 11, has now 100 families who are represented in the organization and hold shares of the capital stock.

W. M. Rogers, one of the directors of the local association returned yesterday from Grafton where he inspected the working of the Grafton co-operative store. This Grafton store has been in operation for less than three years and each year has paid the stockholders a good dividend besides having used considerable of their profit for the purchase of the store building, which they occupy, which is now valued at \$15,000.

"The Grafton store," said Mr. Rogers, "employs six persons to attend to the wants of the patrons and uses two automobile trucks for the delivery of their merchandise. All of the Grafton association members are enthusiastic supporters of the co-operative plan which has been very successful in that city from the first day the store was opened. I see no reason why the Fairmont store cannot do as well or even better."

## CONCLUDING MEET FOR PLAYGROUND

Children Out in Large Numbers on Loop Park Ground.

After the most successful season in the history of the local Playgrounds association the closing session is in progress today at the Loop Park grounds, where the children who have participated in the play at the three grounds during the season are assembled for final exercises. Ideal weather conditions prevailing the children are out in large numbers for the playing off of the various events scheduled for the closing day.

Today's session opened at 1:45 o'clock and will continue until late this evening, an intermission being allowed at which time the children will partake of a picnic lunch on the grounds. Three hundred and sixty entrants have been enrolled for the various events today and interest is keen for the securing of the various prizes to be awarded.

Several members of the local Playgrounds committee are present this afternoon as well as a large crowd of spectators.

## FINE CEREMONY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Many Saw Masonic Grand Lodge Lay Cornerstone.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia Masons, with hundreds about to assist and to watch the services yesterday evening at six o'clock laid the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian church in its place, in the foundation of the building at Jefferson and Jackson streets.

The Grand Lodge was assisted by the Fairmont Lodge of Masons. Invocation, prayer, singing of the Doxology and hymns, followed by the reading of the cornerstone laying lesson by Rev. J. C. Broomfield of the M. P. Temple, was the means of opening the services. This done the Masons marched in a body to the corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets and were invited by Rev. H. G. Stoetzer of the First Presbyterian church to lay the cornerstone. This was done with the regular Masonic ceremony.

Presiding was Most Worshipful Grand Master T. Wilbur Hennen, assisted by Messrs. J. W. McDonald, A. B. Fleming, A. B. Cole, James C. Welton, J. M. Hartley, H. J. Hartley, H. E. Engle, H. C. Howard, D. D. E. M. Showalter, E. C. Frame, Hugh F. Smith, Rollo Conley, H. B. Hungerford and Mayor Anthony Bowen.

The box placed in the stone contained numerous articles of interest to the members of the church, some pamphlets and papers taken from the stone in the old edifice having been placed in the new one. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large number of people.

## Suffrage Speaker at Central Church

Mrs. Florence Brown Cotnam of Little Rock, Ark., a national suffrage worker will speak at the evening service at the Central Christian church tomorrow at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Cotnam is a speaker of ability. She took the suffrage side of the debate at the court house on last Wednesday evening and made a splendid impression.

## TEN BOOTLEGGERS IN FEDERAL TOILS

All Were Held for Action of the Federal Grand Jury.

Ten bootleggers were before Federal Commissioner Kirby today in the custody of Marshall C. E. Smith and Deputy Marshall Moore. All of the men waived preliminary hearing and were held over for the Federal Grand Jury which meets at Martinsburg September 19. The men before the commissioner today were as follows: Robert Glass, Arch Lilley, Bertie Lilley, Lovell Gray, Sam Clemens, James Williams, Ross Barber, Carl Green, A. E. Atkinson, J. W. Prieston. Atkinson and Green were unable to provide bond so were sent back to jail.

Judge Kirby in addition to the federal hearing presided this morning in circuit court being elected to hear a chancery cause which special Judge White was interested counsel.

## HATFIELD DID NOT REFUSE AID FROM NATION

Governor So Informed Rep. Littlepage by Telegram.

## GOV'T AID IS NEEDED

And Will Be Appreciated by the State—Now Available.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Governor Hatfield wired representative Littlepage today in reply to a telegram sent by Littlepage inquiring if the governor had told Captain Lee, representative of the War Department, that Federal aid of flood sufferers was needed and would be appreciated. The Governor denied making the refusal statement reported by Captain Lee to the War Department.

Rep. Littlepage took the Governor's message to the War Department at once. Federal aid for flood victims became available yesterday when the President signed the joint resolution of relief passed by Congress.

## HUGHES TO HAVE BUSY DENVER DAY

Following Visit to That City He Will Take a Vacation.

(By Associated Press)  
DENVER, Aug. 26.—Charles E. Hughes entered Colorado today and following today's activities will take a brief rest before resuming his speaking tour.

Today's program includes a brief address at Greeley, Colo., preceding his arrival in Denver, shortly before noon. A parade through the business section of Denver is to be followed by a reception at his hotel. Mr. Hughes will be the guest of honor at luncheon tendered by the Mile High club.

At the reception Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles of Delaware, Colo., organizer of the woman's party is to thank the nominee for his endorsement of national women's suffrage. Later today Mr. Hughes expects to pay a brief visit to John C. Shaffer, newspaper publisher at his country home Ken-Caryl in the foothills southwest of Denver.

Mr. Hughes' principal Denver address will be delivered tonight at the auditorium immediately which he will leave for Estes Park where he will enjoy an outing until September 3.

## BULGARS IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH

Their Right Wing Has Badly Beaten the Serbians.

(By Associated Press)  
SOFIA, Aug. 26.—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing on the Macedonian front the Serbian have been defeated with heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war offices said today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

On the eastern end of the front, the Bulgarian forces have reached the Greek Aegean coast and put the British cavalry detachments to flight. Several villages have been occupied by the Bulgarians.

## Local Moose Attend Clarksburg Picnic

A special car containing about 35 members of the Loyal Order of Moose left at 10 o'clock this morning on the Monongahela Valley Traction company lines for Clarksburg where the Clarksburg lodge is holding a picnic. The merry makers are encamped for the day at Norwood park. The Fairmont lodge is the guest of Lodge No. 52. The day will be spent in sports, all sorts of athletic events and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Several Fairmonters will compete for the prizes.

## From \$14,000,000 To Five Dollars In 5 Years His Record

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Patrick Calhoun, grand son of the famous statesman and prominently identified with the San Francisco street car system until a few years ago testified in receivership proceedings here today that five dollars was the only tangible asset remaining of a fortune of \$14,000,000 possessed by him five years ago.

The proceedings became known today. Financial reverses following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco were responsible for his losses he asserted.

## PLAYING POLITICS WITH FEDERAL JURY

Prominent McDowell County Republicans Indicted For Fraud.

WHEELING, Aug. 26.—Word was received in the city last night from Webster Springs to the effect that the federal grand jury returned indictments against General Edgar O'Toole, of McDowell county, and nineteen of his associates, all prominent Republicans. General O'Toole is head of the U. S. Steel Corporation's coal operations in this state and one of the leading employers of labor in West Virginia. He is a business man of the highest standing and has taken an active interest in public affairs in the southern part of the state. Republicans generally are highly indignant over the indictments and term the proceedings political persecution for the purpose of discrediting the late primary.

It is a significant fact that two specially employed Democratic attorneys were employed by the department of justice at Washington to aid in this particular prosecution and assist in bringing about these indictments.

General O'Toole could not be reached last night but his friends stated he courted investigation and prominent Republicans stated there was no substantial ground for the indictments. The specific charge against General O'Toole is "conspiracy to bring about the nomination of William F. Hitt for the United States Senate by fraud."

Republicans point out that no trial of the case can be had and none is expected before the election and the sole effect of the charges is to discredit Mr. O'Toole and his associates and give them no opportunity to answer.

## KANSAS CITY HOST FOR CIVIL WAR VETS

Thousand Boy Scouts Act as Aids and Guides for the Old Boys.

(By Associated Press)  
KANSAS CITY, Aug. 26.—Kansas City house-holders welcomed into their homes today, great numbers of the union veterans of the Civil War here to attend the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Between 15,000 and 20,000 veterans have reached the city and because capacity of hotels and boarding houses were taxed and because many of the old soldiers are in moderate circumstances, the citizens were asked by the local committee to take care of as many of the visitors as they could. Besides the veterans quartered in private homes, others were assigned in a large dance hall fitted out with cots. Other temporary homes have been arranged.

Convention hall, the place for the formal meetings of the veterans, has been divided into booths in which scattered members of regiments have been turned over to the pension bureau at Washington, at request of E. C. Tiedeman, acting commissioner, and in it questions pertaining to pensions will be answered.

A thousand boy scouts will act as guides and aids to the veterans while they are here. Under the direction of Dr. James H. Sowerby, chief scout executive, they have been trained to serve the soldiers in every way. Special training in first aid work has been given the youngsters.

"Whenever you speak to a veteran, call him 'comrade,'" said Dr. Sowerby in his final instructions. "They are keen for helping the old men." Dr. Sowerby said, "and I can imagine the stories the veterans will tell them. It will be good training for the boys and should be of great service to the men of the Grand Army."

Beauty Hint.  
Ralph E. Lewis is having his block painted. It will be a great improvement.—Plattsburg (N. Y.) Press.

## PRESIDENT WILSON HURRIES TO CAPITOL TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS LEADERS

Men Said to Have Demanded 8-Hour Day Unconditionally or Federal Control of the Railroads

## ROADS HOLD OUT FOR ARBITRATION

Statement to President Wilson Makes Some Concessions On the Collateral Issues That Have Been Raised.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—President Wilson suddenly left the White House this afternoon with the intention it was understood of going to the capitol in connection with the threatened railroad strike. Officials refused to tell his purpose.

Among brother officials it was learned that only the unqualified concession by the railroads of the eight hour day or action of congress taking over the railways for government operation could prevent the threatened strike.

The trip to capitol was entirely unexpected and no arrangements had been made for his reception there. Although it was known the President came to discuss legislation affecting the threatened strike, his specific purpose had been kept a secret.

The President went to his office and summoned Democratic leaders Hearn and Chairman Newlands of the Senate committee who had charge in the Senate of the legislation affecting state railroads.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—A crisis in the negotiations looking to the avoidance of a nation wide railroad strike appeared imminent today when a counter proposal involving arbitration was prepared by the railroad presidents for final submission to President Wilson.

On the acceptability of this proposal by the railway brotherhoods committee of 640 depend largely whether the President's personal efforts to mediate shall fail. Heretofore the brotherhood leaders have stood firmly against any plan to arbitrate their demands for an eight hour day as a basis in determining wages.

The railroad executives met early today to perfect a draft of their proposal and were expected to send it immediately to President Wilson who had an engagement with the Brotherhood leaders about noon.

This plan, holding to the demand for arbitration which the employees have declared they unalterably oppose, proposes:

That this question of an eight-hour day is not directly connected with the matter at issue and that there is a difference between an actual eight-hour day and an eight-hour day as a basis for pay.

That questions of increases of wages are indisputably questions which should be settled by arbitration;

That the present demands of the trainmen be submitted to arbitration by the interstate commerce commission or some board to be created by the President or in some other way.

That if the arbitrating board finds wage increases should be granted, their finding will be retro-active and the increase will take effect from the time the arbitration begins;

That a fund shall be created by the railroads to provide for this contingency, the interstate commerce commission to keep the accounts that will be necessary and the arrangement to continue in force for a time not yet determined upon, the men agreeing that during the period of arbitration there shall be no further demands nor any attempt to strike.

A draft of his report was submitted last night by the committee of eight presidents, who have been constantly at work upon its various phases for a week. There was some discussion, but only one vote was taken and by it, the sixty presidents and the managers approved the draft.

The executives have been told that the men's leaders expected difficulty in restraining the news after tonight. The Presidents worked all morning and the fore part of the afternoon carefully phrasing their statement to President Wilson but shortly after noon had taken no final vote on it.

The effect of the executives' counter proposal will be to pass the issue back to the brotherhood and the outlook is variously described by those in touch with the negotiations. Some of the railroad executives say their proposition is positively their last. Some of the men's leaders stand firmly against arbitration. Others on both sides have hopes that out of it will come further negotiations delaying the strike and possibly averting it.

## SAWED WAY OUT OF PENITENTIARY

Four Convicts at Jefferson City Make Bold Get-away.

(By Associated Press)  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—The most daring escape in years from the state penitentiary here became known today when officials learned that four convicts, one of them serving a life term for murder, sawed their way out of their cells last night and during a severe thunder storm, scaled the prison walls. Blood hounds were put on the trail.

All the cells in the tier in which the convicts were confined locked with a sliding steel bar and this was cut with saws.

They sawed three night guards and gained outside of the cell building where they entered a long unused tunnel that connected with the power plant. A ladder found in the tunnel enabled them to scale the stockade wall.

## Geo. W. Umphrey Died This Morning

George W. Umphrey died this morning at his home near Loganport in Mannington district, and the funeral is to be held tomorrow afternoon with interment in the Wells cemetery. Mr. Umphrey was 41 years of age and was survived by his wife and three children. Elias Umphrey and Samuel Umphrey are surviving brothers and three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Huey, Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. Maggie Shank are still living.

## The Weather.

West Virginia—Partly cloudy to night warmer east portion; Sunday fair.  
LOCAL WEATHER READINGS  
F. P. Hall, Observer  
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 68.  
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 89; minimum 60; precipitation none.

## NOTICE.

Consumers of city water are notified that an impure condition in the water prevails at this time and boiling water for drinking purposes is recommended by the City Health department. The impurity will probably be corrected within a week.